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Huge rush for Arogya Mela

Many return disappointed on seeing crowds; Some seek extension of day-long free health camp by two or three days

People registering their names for health check-up at SMT Hospital on JLB Road this morning. Picture right shows a senior citizen undergoing BP check-up.

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (MTY&SSM)- Hundreds of people from Mysuru District and surrounding places underwent free health check-up at the day-long Taluk-level Ayushman Arogya Mela at Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital on JLB Road in city this morning.

The Mega Arogya Mela was jointly organised by the District Administration, Department of Health and Family Welfare, District AYUSH Department and Zilla Panchayat as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' activities to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence. The health camp has been organised at different taluks in the district between Apr. 18 and 22.

KR Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurated the day-long Arogya Mela in city this morning which witnessed a huge rush.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made efforts to reform and transform the healthcare system in the country by introducing Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. He has also announced a special Budget amount for the health sector keeping in mind the health of women and children."

Pointing out that the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) used to just screen the health issues before providing medication, the KR MLA said, "Now all the PHCs are diagnosing problems in the initial stage itself and providing treatment on time. The Health Department is taking necessary steps to make sure all facilities are made available to the people." He called upon the people to make good use of the camp.

MP Pratap Simha, who too spoke, said: "The Central Government under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana aims to provide free access to health insurance coverage of Rs. 2.5 lakh for low income group in the country. Everyone should avail treatment provided by the Government after obtaining prescribed health card."

On the occasion, Ayushman Bharat health cards were distributed to those who had registered earlier and new registrations were also being done today.

For health screening, there were six registration counters and 19 rooms allotted for various sections including Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) test, TB test, medicine, cough and cold screening lab, bones, dental, blood donation centre, vaccination centre, ENT, eye, ECO wing, Psychiatry and Ayurveda.

Besides there were stalls displaying millets and cereals at the venue to create nutrition awareness among women and children.

(See RUSH on page 7)

Survey to prevent illegal infant sale

Repeated incidents of child trafficking in H.D. Kote, Nanjangud regions worry Police

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&BCT)- Concerned over repeated incidents of child selling, the Mysuru District Police have commissioned a detailed survey to track the incidents and expose the racketeers thriving especially in areas of H.D. Kote, Nanjangud and Mysuru. The aim of the survey is to put an end to this trade.

The responsibility of the survey has been entrusted to H.D. Kote Inspector Basavaraj, who has immense experience in exposing such rackets and he will be assisted by Inspector Jeevan of Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Nazarbad. The survey will be conducted in cooperation with Women and Child Development and the Health Departments.

What prompted the Police to take such an action is the recent incident in H.D. Kote where a woman sold her new-born baby girl to a couple in Channapatna village in Nanjangud taluk through a mediator. Following intervention of officials from Child Helpline and Women and Child Development Department, the baby was reunited with its mother. Though the mother and the couple who 'adopted' the baby claimed that money was not exchanged, a case has been registered at H.D. Kote Police Station. In July last year too, ASHA workers detected a child sale case where a mother, unable to raise the child, had sold it off to her relatives in Hassan. Later, the child was reunited with its mother and the two women — who were repeat offenders — were arrested.

(See SURVEY on page 7)

Devaraja Market to close for half-a-day tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&BCT)- Protesting against the Mysuru District Heritage Committee's decision to demolish heritage Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building, paving way for new 'heritage like' structures in their place, tenants of Devaraja Market have decided to close their shops for half-a-day tomorrow from 9.30 am to 1 pm.

The tenants will take out a procession from Devaraja Market till the Deputy Commissioner's Office and a memorandum will be submitted to DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who is also the Chairman of the District Heritage Committee.

(See MARKET on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 19th April 2022

ISKCON's culture camp for kids

Mysuru, Apr. 19 - ISKCON at Jayanagar, Mysuru, will conduct a unique summer camp for children to help them rediscover their rich cultural heritage and systematically understand the teachings of the Bhagavadgita.

ISKCON intends to have a 3-week camp for students of class 4 to 8 from Apr. 21 between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Batch will conclude on May 15 with a Talents Day function.

Students will learn the principles of Bhagavadgita, japa-meditation and bhajans. The camp will also teach them to memorise the verses of Bhagavadgita, to understand the philosophy of the Gita in a simple way and help them to build character on a concrete foundation.

In addition, the students can choose to learn art from variegated exciting modules like Drama & Painting, Arts & Crafts.

A module designed for all students, exclusively aims to instill moral principles to the younger generation through the teachings of Vedic literatures. For more details call Mob: 91080-31102.

'Idea Presentation Contest' at NIE

Mysuru, Apr. 19- To encourage innovation and creativity among students and faculty, an 'Idea Presentation Contest' has been organised by National Institute of Engineering (NIE) on Apr. 26 at Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Seminar Hall, NIE, between 3 pm and 6 pm.

The contest is to commemorate World Intellectual Property Day (Theme: IP and Youth Innovating for Better Future). Students and faculty from Engineering, any Graduate and PG Institutes can take part. Each team (maximum 3 members) would be provided 7 minutes to Pitch the Idea (Presentation) & 3 minutes for Q&A (Plagiarised Presentation shall be disqualified). There is no participation fee. Winners will be awarded prizes. For registration, e-mail to ***iprday2022@nie.ac.in,*** with contact number or call Mob: 99459-96228.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Not counting typhoid that I was inflicted with during my late teens, I escaped childhood and adolescence with no major ailments, save for the occasional cold/cough/fever. It was enough for a cold to persist a tad longer than usual for my father to issue marching orders to see our good neighbourly doctor, Dr. Rao.

An elderly man, the doctor looked like he belonged to a more placid era. Walking stick in his right hand and an aged leather 'doctor's bag' in his left, he had a drooping stance while walking. Golden rimmed glasses and a Maharashtrian topi adorning his head contributed in no less measure to his antiquated look. His 'doctor shop' in Malleswaram was housed in the rear portion of a larger dwelling, whose occupants had usurped the better part that faced the street...

The smelly clinic gave one a dingy feeling but that did not deter trusting patients from seeking his wise counsel. A gigantic table occupied most of the 'examination room', which doubled up as the pharmacy. Oversized jars and bottles holding various liquids and salts and secured by wire bail swing-top lids were arranged all over the table, leaving a small desk space at the centre. He never wrote prescriptions to procure, rather confected his own medicines, dispensing them via the empty bottle brought by patients...

I can still feel his cold thumb pressed against my wrist as he took my pulse. It seemed he relied more on his senses than instruments to examine patients. His peering eyes appeared to probe the innards of my condition. Diagnosis complete, Dr. Rao would start preparing his medicine by grinding salts, shaking bottles and mixing potions, all the while interrogating me on my studies, my siblings or other general topics.

Finally emerging to hand over the potent mixture, he would repeat the instructions on the label running his index finger on all that was written, before dismissing me. Rarely there would be a necessity to go back again. The child in me wishes that I could pay him a visit even now, but alas, he is long gone. *— Anand Simha in Deccan Herald*

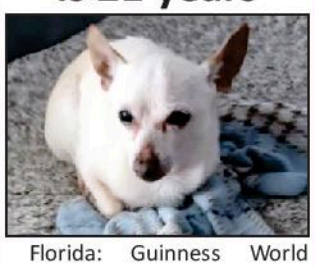
NEWS SPARKLERS

Man buys land around man-cave to stop demolition

Gloucestershire: An English millionaire who notoriously built the "UK's biggest man cave" in his backyard without planning permission, is now trying to prevent it from being torn down by buying up properties around it.

After an eight-year battle, millionaire businessman Graham Wildin was ordered to tear down the enormous man-cave complex on his property in Gloucestershire, but he has failed to do that. The 10,000sq/ft facility, which included a cinema, squash court, small casino and bowling alley, has now become the center of a fortress created by acquiring the properties around it, in an alleged attempt to stop the council from forcefully tearing it down. Although the deadline to level the luxurious man cave passed a month ago, the entire complex still stands.

The world's oldest dog is 21 years



Florida: Guinness World Records said a chihuahua in Florida named TobyKeith was dubbed the world's oldest dog living at the age of 21 years and 66 days.

Gisela Shore of Greenacres said she adopted Toby Keith from a shelter when he was only a few months old.

"I was a volunteer at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue and one of the employees told me about an elderly couple trying to surrender a puppy because they could not take care of him any longer," Shore told Guinness World Records.

"I met with the elderly couple and I was introduced to a tiny tan chihuahua. They had named him Peanut Butter. I later changed his name to Toby Keith," she said.

Guinness confirmed Toby Keith's age as 21 years and 66 days on Mar. 16 this year, confirming his status as the oldest dog living.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Factors like smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, and excessive alcohol intake may increase the risk of stroke.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A R - Consultant Neurosurgeon
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Pramoda Devi inaugurates Nacharamma Sabha Bhavan

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RKB&TRR)- A well-equipped 'Nacharamma Sabha Bhavan' built by Kowshika Sankethi Sangha at Jayanagar 2nd Main Road in city was inaugurated on Sunday by member of Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Speaking after inaugurating the new building built in the premises of Kowshika Sankethi Boys Hostel, she said that Kowshika Sankethi Sangha, which was formed in 1944 has built a well-equipped Bhavan to commemorate its platinum jubilee year and is very appreciable.

"The Kowshika Sankethi community which migrated from Kerala to Mysuru later, moved to Shivamogga and other places. The community achieved significant progress with emphasis on agriculture and education," she added.

Stating that the Sangha has been giving student scholarships to deserving students, Pramoda Devi said, "The Sangha is helping the students for their education. The students of this hostel after completing their higher education migrate to foreign countries leaving behind their aged parents. Keeping this in mind the Sangha is also providing a helping hand to aged people."

Kowshika Sankethi Sangha President M.N. Anantha, presided. Sangha's Mysore Zonal President R.S. Padmanabha, Vice-President A.V. Sridharamurthy, General Secretary B.N. Raghunath and others were present.

REALLY...?

- ***The drink dates back to 800 A.D: Legend has it that 9th-century goat herders noticed the effect caffeine had on their goats, who appeared to "dance" after eating the fruit of the Coffea plant. A local monk then made a drink with the produce and found that it kept him awake at night, thus the original cup of coffee was born.***
- ***The word "coffee" comes from the Arabic word for "wine." : Qahwah later became kahveh in Turkish, and then koffie in Dutch, which is where we get the English word coffee.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper.
She told me that newspapers are old school. Saying that people use tablets nowadays, she handed me her iPad.
The fly didn't stand a chance!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.15
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.79
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.17

VOICE OF THE READER

Chamundi Hill Development: Some thoughts

Sir,

I went through K.B. Ganapathy's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Tale of a Hill called Chamundi in Mysuru: My thoughts on saving the Hill"*** in *SOM* dated March 13, 2022 and wish to record my opinions too.

1. The idea of Chamundi Hill Development Authority is a very wise one. Government must implement it very urgently.

2. Banning all constructions on the hill and villages at foothill is need of the hour.

3. Conduct geological survey to protect the hill with suitable technology.

4. Steps to the temple must be developed to facilitate devotees who wish visit the temple by foot. The Hill Development Authority must provide shelters and drinking water. Devotees must be screened at foothill for any snacks and plastic they carry so as to prevent it from getting deposited along the hill.

5. Roadside hawkers who are the main source of pollution must be barred.

6. Implementing Ropeway is the only way to protect the hill. With increase in affordability of 2 and 4 wheelers, the traffic is increasing day by day and apart from devotees it is more of youngsters for whom the hill is a hangout. I do not understand the reason for objecting to Ropeway.

7. Deploy more personnel with latest tech gadgets to enforce vigil for green cover as well as to check nuisance.

—G. Sreenivasa Murthy
Vidyashankar Layout
10.4.2022

Gram Panchayats to issue Marriage Certificates

Bengaluru, Apr.19- Now, Marriage Certificates can be obtained at local Gram Panchayats and an order to this effect has been officially issued by the State Government.

The Government has given the authority to issue Marriage Certificates to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj where the local Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) is given the authority of registration of marriages and issuance of Marriage Certificates.

Till now, marriage registrations were done at the Sub-Registrar Offices. The couple used to register their marriage at the Sub-Registrar Office in the limits of their residences or the place they got married by obtaining relevant applications from the office or downloading the same from the respective website.

After filling the form, three friends or relatives were required to sign as witnesses along with the signatures of the married couple after which the Sub-Registrar used to give his approval by signing the application form along with the office seal. Now, the Government has given the same authority to PDOs of the respective Gram Panchayats.

Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar visits Nanjangud Temple

Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar had darshan of Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy at Nanjangud temple yesterday morning. He also inspected the roof of the temple and later visited Parashuram temple, close to the main temple. The Minister is seen with Temple Chief Priest Nagachandra Dixit, Paarupattedara Shankar Dixit, Vishwanath and Srikanta Jois. Later, the Minister was felicitated by Taluk Health Officer Dr. Eshwar. Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar and Sub-Inspector Vijayarajan were present.

'Unofficial' entry fee rule at Talacauvery Temple

Kushalnagar, Apr. 19 (Akshay & BCT)- A new entry fee rule has come into force at Talacauvery Temple in Kodagu, the birthplace of River Cauvery where visitors are charged Rs. 20 and a receipt of 'Vishesha Seve' (Special Offering) is given after the payment.

Though the ticket is issued for 'Vishesha Seve', people who come there do not perform any rituals. They just enter the Temple to pray and leave. The Temple comes under the State Muzrai Department and is governed by its rules and regulations.

Interestingly, the entry fee is levied in a sly manner and whoever questions the new system are let inside without the ticket. Normally, local residents who know that there was no entry fee till now are not ready to pay and are bound to question the person who issues the 'Vishesha Seve' tickets. But tourists and other people who come from outside the district meekly pay up.

Barricade for fee collection

Earlier, one could enter the Temple through the main arch gates and there was no such ticket counter and no one would stop entry. However, now all devotees who come to the Temple are made to enter through a barricaded entry point — to the right of the arch gates — and the security guards force each and everyone to take that particular line.

Moreover, there are no sign boards indicating that an entry fee has to be paid. Rs. 20 ticket is issued to one group. As there are no clear-cut guidelines and rules, many Temple goers are objecting to the practice.

Not mandatory: Temple EO

Krishnappa, Executive Officer of Talacauvery-Bhagamandala Temple Committee said that the collected money is being used to maintain the Temple staff. "We get bare minimum funds from the Government for the maintenance of the staff. Anyway the tickets are not mandatory. Those who have the tickets will get three special mangalarathis at the Brahma Kundike, Agastheshwara and Mahaganapathi Temples," he said.

On the barricades erected near the arch gate, he said that it is to ensure that the visitors are not skimpily clad. "75 percent of the visitors who come here are tourists and many of them are scantily dressed. This is a holy place and body showing is unacceptable," he added.

President of Talacauvery - Bhagamandala Temple Committee Kodi Motaiah said that there are 11 employees including priests at Talacauvery and 16 at Bhagamandala. "The Muzrai Department pays just Rs. 7,500 as salary and that too they are paid once in two or three months. We are paying them from whatever little money collected from the entry ticket," he added.

No Government sanction

The rule has been enforced recently as thousands of tourists are visiting Kodagu for the holiday season. As there are no signboards or any Government Order to indicate the Rs. 20 entry fee, it is an 'unofficial' arrangement to collect money.

As generally tourists will be in a hurry, no one questions the rule of entry tickets while no other major temples have an entry fee. Only the special rituals and prasadam have tickets of various denominations. But if any devotee questions the entry ticket collection, they are told that tickets are not mandatory.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Parents asked to admit wards only in recognised schools

The Education authorities have asked parents to admit their children only in schools that are recognised by the Department of Public Instruction and registered as per Section 30-31 of Karnataka Education Act, 1983. The parents can visit or call the Block Education Offices to know about recognised schools. The concerned parents will alone become responsible in case children are admitted in unrecognised schools and their education gets jeopardised in the future. [Ph: 0821-2331131].

Re-elected

Lakshminarayan Nagawara was re-elected as the State Convenor of Karnataka Dalita Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) at the State-level Executive Committee meeting held recently at Vijayapura. Kempanna Sagya of Mandya was elected as a State Organisational Convenor, while Rajashekar Kote of Mysuru district was elected as Mysuru Division Convenor.

Apprentice Mela

The Industrial Training and Employment Department has organised an Apprentice Mela for candidates who have passed in ITI. The Mela will be held on Apr. 21 at Government Industrial Training Institute, N.R. Mohala. Well-known companies will be attending the event, according to a press release from Government ITI Principal. For details, contact Vice-Principal M. Jayendra on Mob: 87924-26277.

MCC's e-toilet project stinks of corruption

- Rs. 1.52 crore paid to e-toilet unit suppliers for project worth Rs. 1.16 crore
- Following non-maintenance, now all e-toilet units to be sent to scrapyard

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (SBD&BCT)- All the 23 e-toilets (electronic/ eco toilets) installed in Mysuru city at various points will be put to scrap as none of them are functioning. The metal and plastic pieces obtained from the e-toilets, each worth Rs. 6.25 lakh, will be recycled at the scrapyard.

This is the fate of the ambitious project that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) launched with much fanfare, hoping to revolutionise public urinals. The project was floated in 2016-2017 and 23 such units were installed across the city, especially in the areas where there is more concentration of people.

The overall cost of installing these portable, eco-friendly and GPRS-enabled hygienically maintained eco-toilets is 1.16 crore, apart from other overhead costs. The contract of the e-toilet was designed in such a way that the company that supplied the units had to maintain them for a year and later hand them over to the MCC. Users could insert Rs. 5 coin for the doors of the e-toilet to open. These e-toilets used less amount of water and there was a sensor-enabled system to conserve water and electricity usage. If the toilet was occupied, the sensor signalled the same to people waiting to get in and the doors opened only after usage.

Maintenance burdensome

After the e-toilet companies maintained the 23 units, they were handed over to the MCC. Initially, the MCC was prompt in maintaining the toilets and later it became burdensome.

As a result, 10 units landed at the Vidyaranyapuram Sewage Farm. Later, the countdown began for the remaining 13 and now all of them will be sent to the scrapyard. Amidst all this, the e-toilet project has raised a stink where questions are being raised on the manner in which the hi-tech units were procured. The MCC has refused to entertain any RTI query on the project and has given only partial details on the suppliers of the units and the cost factor.

Higher procurement rates

According to RTI activist Aravind Sharma, the MCC has spent Rs. 1.16 crore in the project but has not paid for maintenance. 18 toilet units have been procured from P. Kubendran and five have been procured from Kerala-based Eram Scientific Solution Private Limited, as per the file notings by the Executive Engineer, MCC Underground Drainage Department.

As per the file noting, though a payment for P. Kubendran was decided at Rs. 1,20,14,496, an additional amount of Rs. 3,42,823 has been paid to him for 18 units. And despite Eram Scientific Solution quoting Rs. 5,88,226 per e-toilet unit, only five were purchased from them and the MCC chose to buy from Kubendran who quoted Rs. 6.29 lakh to Rs. 7.65 lakh per unit.

Replying to the RTI query, the MCC neither provided the certified copies of agreement entered into with the suppliers nor provided any details about how the MCC maintained the 23 units after they were handed over by the suppliers, alleged Aravind Sharma, demanding a probe by the MCC Commissioner.

"Also, the MCC has mentioned that the total project cost is Rs. 1.16 crore but when the amount paid to the e-toilet unit suppliers is calculated, the total cost comes up to Rs. 1,52,98,449. How is this possible," he questioned.

Siddharamaiah to lead massive Congress protest in city tomorrow

Party leaders hold preparatory meeting

Former MLA Vasu addressing a meeting of City Congress leaders at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RKB&DM)- Strongly condemning the exponential rise in prices of essential commodities, fuel and other daily need articles, the Congress will stage a massive demonstration at 11 am in the city tomorrow (Apr. 20).

The party, apart from inflation, anti-people policies, Law and Order and rampant corruption issues, is also seeking the arrest of former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, holding him guilty of abetting the suicide of Contractor Santosh Patil, who ended his life recently after hurling charges against Eshwarappa, who was the RDPR Minister.

Ahead of tomorrow's protest, City Congress leaders held a meeting at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station yesterday to finalise preparations for the massive demonstration. The Congress workers will stage a demonstration at Gandhi Square under the leadership of Opposition Leader and former CM Siddharamaiah at 11 am, following which a massive procession will be taken out to the Deputy Commissioner's office, where a memorandum will be submitted.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar, Vasu and Kalale Keshavamurthy, City Congress President R.Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former Mayors T.B. Chikkanna and Pushpalatha Chikkanna, Corporators J. Gopi and Ayub Khan, leaders K. Harishgowda, M. Lakshmana, Manjula Manasa, Veena, Latha Siddashetty, Shivanna, Shivamaadhu, G. Somashekar, Maruti, Sudha Mahadevaiah, Srinath Babu, Eshwar Chakkadi, M. Sunil, Shivaprasad and others attended the meeting.

Panchamasali Seers set Apr. 21 deadline to announce reservation

Sri Mrutyunjaya Swamiji

Bengaluru, Apr. 19- With the State Government yet to take a decision on announcing Category-2A reservation for Panchamasali Lingayat sect as promised, the Seers of the community have set Apr. 21 as the ultimate deadline for the Government to concede their demand.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Kudalasangama Panchamasali Peetha Seer Sri Basavajaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji said that the Government has been set the ultimate deadline of Apr. 21 to announce Category 2A reservation for Panchamasali Lingayat community, which is backward in many respects.

Pointing out that the Government has been given many deadlines in the past for announcing the reservation, he reiterated that Apr. 21 will be the ultimate deadline, following which the community will launch an indefinite stir at Kudalasangama in Bagalkote district until the demand is met.

Maintaining that it is a do or die battle for the community in respect of fight for reservation, he warned that the Government will alone be held responsible if something untoward happens during the indefinite stir that will commence soon after the deadline ends.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	102.28 feet
Yesterday	:	102.56 feet
Inflow	:	1,481 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,993 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,265.91 feet
Inflow	:	459 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,847.56 feet
Inflow	:	101 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

AAP Mysuru Unit stages protest against price rise

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (KS)- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Mysuru District Unit volunteers staged a novel protest against price rise, through a street play at the Gandhi Square in city yesterday.

AAP Youth Wing President Mohammed Ismail, who led the protest, said that the family income of common people is just around Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 10,000 per month and it is very difficult for them to manage their budget.

"Instead of providing relief, the Government is putting extra burden on common man during the present difficult times," he rued.

Speaking to media, AAP District Unit President Malavika Gubbivani said the policies of the Government are pro-rich and without any consideration towards common people, who are being harassed due to rise in prices of all essential commodities and services. "While poor and middle class are sliding below poverty line, the rich are getting richer. It is imperative that people raise their voice against such policies," she added.

The street play was written and directed by Girish Machalli, Organising Secretary of AAP City Unit.

Ravichandra, Irfan Baig, Masood, Usha Sampathkumar, Kiran Kalyani, Syed Fareed, Varalakshmi, Akram Sharif, Dharmashree, Renukaprasad, G.R. Vidyaranya and others took part in the protest.

Kejriwal to address Farmers' Meet in Bengaluru on Apr. 21

Kejriwal

Bengaluru, Apr. 19- Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Chief Arvind Kejriwal will address a massive farmer convention at Bengaluru on Apr. 21. Announcing this at a press meet here on Monday, AAP State President Prithvi Reddy said that the convention will take place at Bengaluru's National College Grounds at 11 am. Pointing out that the convention has been organised by farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar, he said that the meet will see the participation of about 50,000 farmers from across the State. The convention is sure to become a historical one in Karnataka, he added.

MCC Budget to be presented on Apr. 28

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&BCT)- The 2022-2023 Budget for the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be presented on Apr. 28 by the Chairperson of Standing Committee on Taxation, Finance and Appeals, M.S. Shobha. The date and the person who will present the Budget was decided after a long debate yesterday.

The discussion on the Budget was necessitated as there was confusion as to who will present the Budget in the wake of Mayor Sunanda Palanetra's term ending on Feb. 24 along with the terms of Deputy Mayor and the Heads of all the four Standing Committees. Also, there was a delay in the announcement of the reservations for the Mayoral polls.

The MCC was in a fix over the Budget presentation as it had to present it by the end of this month to facilitate payment of salaries and other expenditure and also to take up development works.

In between, a section of the Corporators demanded the MCC Commissioner not to allow the Budget presentation until the Mayor and Heads of all the Standing Committees are newly elected. Later, the issue was sorted out after MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy read out the Government order permitting Shobha to present the Budget as the Chairman of the Finance and Taxation Standing Committee.

Looting of Rs. 80 lakh gold from city jeweller near Mandya

Six accused from Mysuru arrested

Gold recovered; cash, vehicles used for the crime seized

Mandya, Apr. 19 (Mohan Raj & KS)- The Special Mandya Police teams have cracked the case of a gang assaulting Mysuru jeweller Lalith and his staff near Gantagowdanahalli-Dyapasandra in Mandya and looting gold jewellery worth Rs. 80 lakh, by arresting six accused from Mysuru.

Police have recovered gold ornaments besides seizing cash and vehicles used for the crime from them. The incident had taken place on Apr. 14 evening.

Disclosing this at a press meet at District Armed Reserve (DAR) Grounds here yesterday, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Yatish said that the arrested have been identified as Ramesh, Varun Gowda, Puneeth, Prakash, Raju and Kailash Kumar, residents of Udayagiri in Mysuru.

The SP said that jeweller Lalith was involved in supplying gold ornaments to various shops and on Apr. 14, Lalith along with Maadhuram took gold ornaments such as nose studs and finger rings in a car. After delivering the ornaments to gold shops at Chinya, Jakkanahalli and Basaralu, the duo were proceeding in the car on the road leading to Keregodu village. When they neared Gantagowdanahalli-Dyapasandra, two miscreants came on a bike from behind while four others came in a car from the front, waylaid the car, smashed the glass windows with a hammer, assaulted Maadhuram and decamped with the suitcase containing gold ornaments. A case was registered at Keregodu Police Station in this regard, the SP added.

Meanwhile, four Special Police teams were formed to crack the case and based on the clues found at the spot of crime and statements from the victims and also with the help of technical team, all the six accused were nabbed, the SP said and added that Ramesh, who had worked at jeweller Lalith's store for about 14 years, is the prime accused, who had conspired to loot his former employer for which he had taken the help of other accused — auto drivers, daily wagers and a former colleague of the prime accused.

Cash award announced

Meanwhile, SP Yatish announced a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 for the investigating Police teams comprising Circle Inspector Kyathegowda, Sub-Inspectors Ramesh and Maruthi, Assistant Sub-Inspector Chikkaiah, staff Rajegowda, Madhukumar, Indrakumar, Girish; DCRB Inspector N.V. Mahesh, Sub-Inspectors Sheshadri Kumar and Venkatesh, staff K.P. Ravikiran, Lokesh, Keshava; Technical team Inspector Anandegowda, Sub-Inspectors Ravikumar and Ramesh Karakikatte, staff Jason, Umer, Prasanna, Lingaraju, Mahesh, Anand, Manjunath; CCTV team and CEN Police Station Inspector Raghavendra, Sub-Inspectors Kamalakshi, Jayalakshmamma and staff Manjunath, Lokesh, Prasanna and Krishna Kumar for cracking the case within 48 hours of the crime.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) M. Venugopal, Dy.SP T. Manjunath, DAR Dy.SP Virupakshegowda and others were present at the press meet.

Elderly lady run over by KSRTC bus

Neelamma

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&KS)- A 65-year-old woman, who was walking on the road from the bus stand platform to the exit gate was killed on the spot, when a KSRTC bus ran over her at Sub-Urban Bus Stand yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Neelamma, wife of Puttashetty and a resident of Sathi village in K.R. Nagar taluk.

Neelamma, who had come to city, alighted the bus at Sub-Urban Bus Stand and was walking on the road from the platform towards the exit, when a KSRTC bus (KA-05-F-5254) ran over her killing her on the spot.

Passengers at the Bus Stand took the driver of the bus to task for rash and negligent driving. Soon, Police intervened and brought the situation under control and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

Devaraja Traffic Police, who have registered a case, have seized the bus and taken the bus driver into custody.

Unidentified man killed

An unidentified man, who was walking towards Nanjangud, was killed on the spot, when a bus hit him. The deceased is aged between 55 and 60 years and no other details are known.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Man run over by train

An unidentified man was run over by a train between Mysuru and Chamarajapuram Railway Stations in Mysuur city.

The deceased is aged between 40 and 45 years and was wearing a blue-white-black striped full arm shirt and brown pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Waste to Wealth: Plastic paves way for paver blocks

City firm makes stronger-than-concrete interlock tiles from single-use plastic waste

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (BCT)- In spite of taking multiple steps to address the plastic waste problem, residents and civic authorities know for sure that there is still a long way to go. Over 20 to 25 percent (over 80 tonnes) of the total municipal solid waste generated in Mysuru comprises plastic and the volume is growing by the day.

Though the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the District Administration have issued a blanket ban on the manufacturing, storing and distribution of single-use plastics such as carry bags, flex banners, plates, etc., the menace has not been curtailed and has now grown into a gargantuan problem.

To solve the problem permanently, a city-based firm has found an innovative solution to use plastic waste to make interlock tiles or pavers that are stronger than cement. Moreover, these pavers are affordable, have longevity and are environment friendly.

Jagruth Tech has come up with an innovative, eco-friendly, scientific, feasible solution for upcycling low-value plastic waste and converting them into less carbon footprint products like construction materials (interlock pavers) and plywood alternative sheets.

The firm is the authorised single-use plastic waste recycler and collector approved by the MCC that is carrying out the recycling process at the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) at Sewage Farm premises in Vidyaranyapuram.

Low-Value Plastic

All the plastic manufactured can be recycled. But **Low-Value Plastic (LVP)** or single-use plastic or non-recyclable plastic waste are meant to be used only once. These are also referred to as disposable plastic. Single-use plastics include **Multi-Layered Plastic (MLP),** grocery bags, food packaging, straws, containers, cups and cutlery.

Even rag pickers do not show interest to pick these plastics and there is no practice or technology to recycle these, and they are invariably dumped in landfills or burnt. These result in many diseases as they release noxious gases.

Plastic plywood alternative sheets.

House constructed with plastic waste.

"Proper and formal recycling is the ultimate solution for this critical problem. Continuous thinking and working on the same made us invent interlock pavers from single-use waste plastics. The finished products have advantages like end-of-life disposal of LVPs, they are fully recyclable, they reduce fossil fuel, carbon footprint and prevent plastic pollution," Dinesh Bopanna, one of the Directors of Jagruth Tech, told *Star of Mysore*.

These interlocks can bear loads up to 60 tonnes and are more durable than cement bricks. They can resist temperatures up to 60 degrees Celsius. Also, they are fully recyclable and can be reused many times.

Prevents harmful emissions

In fact, one interlock tile prevents 2.5 kgs of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions from entering the atmosphere. Even the plywood alternative sheets manufactured by the firm using single-use plastic are eco-friendly and are much stronger than plywood, he added.

"Eco Pro sheets are a creative transformation of the waste plastics obtained from MLPs and single-use plastics into a better replacement for plywood. It is a redefined product that is eco-friendly, fire and water-resistant, durable for lifetime, rust and termite-free," Dinesh explained.

Dinesh said that his company also provides end of life to products as per the requirements of the Central Pollution Control Board and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

As for the process of converting the plastic to interlock pavement and plywood-alternative sheets, he said that once they receive used plastic waste from vendors and from other sources, the plastic is shredded and mixed with fillers and then compressed to make tiles with a hydraulic machine at the production unit in Vidyaranyapuram.

Jagruth Tech has three Directors — K. Dasharath, C. Darshan and Dinesh Bopanna. Very recently, they demonstrated their technology and processes at the two-day training-cum-conference of Commissioners from various City Corporations on Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 held in Mysuru. Impressed with the demonstration, the Commissioners visited the Jagruth plant to see the processes of wealth from waste.

OTHER PRODUCTS FROM PLASTIC WASTE

Besides interlocking tiles, the company also manufactures termite-free study tables, chairs, bird nests, bins and baskets.

D. Devaraj Urs Road parking problem

Traffic Police, tenants working out solution

A Traffic Cop regulating vehicular movement on D.D. Urs Road last evening. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&BCT)- With COVID gone at least for now, hectic activities are back on city roads. Even the parking woes on D. Devaraj Urs Road, the commercial hub of Mysuru with a premium parking space, is back in the news.

Though many attempts have been made in the past to ease the perennial parking problem, they have made no headway, worsening the problem further. With the works on the multi-level parking at the Town Hall moving at a snail's pace and in the absence of a deadline to complete the works, the exasperated shopper is forced to avoid the Devaraja Urs Road and prefer some other area for shopping needs.

Every other day, *Star of Mysore* receives calls and letters, highlighting the problem where the shop owners park their vehicles on the road from morning till late in the night, leaving no space for shoppers to park at least till their purchasing is over. This has forced shoppers to park their vehicles (with drivers inside) right behind the vehicles belonging to the shop owners, leading to traffic snarls.

Sources told this newspaper that a plan of action is being worked out to end the parking woes and discussions are on to make space for the shop owners to park their vehicles at an identified location in Devaraja Mohalla so that the shopper gets some space to park.

The plan of action is being worked out by the city Traffic Police in coordination with the D. Devaraj Urs Road Shop Owners and Tenants Association, the main stakeholders of the road. The Association has communicated to the Police that as many shop owners park on the road, their business has suffered and they would now want to improve the business, sources added.

The Association is willing to extend cooperation to the Traffic Police to work out a plan. Already two meetings have been conducted in this direction and the Police have taken the shop owners into confidence, sources said.

Meanwhile, *SOM* reader G. Suryanarayana from Teachers Layout wrote that he is a regular commuter on this road and it is disturbing to see umpteen number of four-wheelers parked on the road behind the regular cars parked in the parking lot.

"These four-wheelers occupy the road and it is a regular sight to see these four-wheelers parked on the roadside right behind the usual car parking." The space taken by the cars to park and the vehicle behind them easily take up 50 percent of the road.

"I am surprised why no action is being taken on these vehicle owners who are not only obstructing smooth traffic movements but also causing a lot of inconvenience to the cars parked in the stipulated area. If vehicles are parked behind parked cars, how is it possible to take out the vehicle in reverse gear," he questioned.

Survey to prevent illegal infant sale

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"We want to get to the root of the problem and the survey has been commissioned in this regard to formulate long-term plans to curb the racket. The gangs thrive in rural and semi-urban areas and some of the hospitals and maternity homes are the breeding grounds for the deals to flourish. Though some arrests are made from time to time, repeated incidents of baby selling is a matter of concern," Additional SP R. Shivakumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Apart from the social angle where the circumstances that force certain women to sell their child and their socio-economic status will be identified and listed, the survey will include the Police angle also to identify the *modus operandi* of the racket, usual suspects, areas of child trafficking and prospective customers, he added.

The survey teams will collect the data of deliveries at hospitals including private, survival data, details of families supported by Aadhaar Card and other documents. "We will also find out other details like if there are deaths and desertions in the families that are forcing women to sell their babies, the role of middlemen in the sale, whether the sale is planned even before the child is born and if so, who paid the hospital bills, etc. Physical checks will also be conducted to check whether the babies are with their parents," the Additional SP added.

Child selling and buying is illegal and all adoptions must be made through Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA). "The focus of the survey will be illegal adoption and human (child) trafficking. We will also focus on past incidents and the relatives of the children who were involved in the past. The survey team will collect data from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan as in the past, these places figured in the child sale rackets," Shivakumar added.

Huge rush for Arogya Mela

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Another stall created awareness on detection of adulterated food products. DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad, Taluk Health Officer Dr. S. Rajeshwari, District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth and others were present.

Public response

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, some people at the camp urged the District Administration to extend the Arogya Mela in city by 2 or 3 days as there was huge rush and not all of them could undergo screening today. A few of them were returning home disappointed.

DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad called upon the ASHA and Anganwadi workers, lab technicians residing in and around Mysuru to participate voluntarily and help the District Administration in screening the people.

Yesterday the Mega Arogya Mela was held at K.R. Nagar General Hospital.

Devaraja Market to close for half-a-day

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Devaraja Market Tenants Association President Pailwan Mahadev told *Star of Mysore* this morning that scion of erstwhile Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar would lead the procession and the DC will be convinced not to raze the heritage structures, especially the Devaraja Market that is in good condition.

Obituary

P. Nagaraju

Mysuru, Apr. 19- P. Nagaraju

(77), retired Assistant Director of the Department of Collegiate Education and a resident of Gandhinagar here, passed away on Saturday (Apr. 16) in city.

He leaves behind his wife Jayalakshmi, children Kalyan Kumar, Kiran Kumar, Kavitha, Kalpana, Kusuma, Krishna Kumar and Keerthi Kumar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adijambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar on Sunday, according to family sources.

K. Prahlad Vaidya

Nanjangud: K. Prahlad Vaidya

(83), Proprietor of Nanjangud's Parimala Hotel, passed away this morning in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in the town this afternoon

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JSS AHER, Mysuru signs Value Partnership Agreement

Seen are (from left) ***Dr. Vikram Patil, Associate Professor, Department of Radiology, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Dr. Vishal Kumar Gupta, Dy. Director (Academics), JSS AHER, Mysuru, Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, Dr. (Col.) M. Dayananda, Director, JSS Hospital, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, Krishna Bhagavatula, Managing Director, Global Value Web, Netherlands, Parthiban Sulur, Vice-President, Innovation and Growth, Global Value Web, Netherlands, Ananda Ramachandra, Director - Bengaluru, Global Value Web, Netherlands and Lakshmi Kubendran, Project Manager, Research and Development Services, Global Value Web, Netherlands.***

Mysuru, Apr. 19- A Value Partnership Agreement (VPA) was signed between the JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., USA and Global Value Web, Netherlands recently to embed the patient medical knowledge, medical, technical and research experience to efficiently contribute to Real-World Data (RWD) for Real-World Evidence (RWE) generation enabling effective secondary research.

The objectives of the agreement include developing a project that acts as a pathfinder for an evidence-based therapeutic approach in India, considering the primary therapeutic focus area as COVID-19 and to establish OHDSI (Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics) India Chapter, which is a multi-stakeholder, interdisciplinary collaborative programme to bring out the value of health data through large-scale analytics.

JSS AHER, Mysuru has always forayed itself into newer and advanced areas in its pursuit of excellence. It has embarked on a journey of advancing the healthcare and diagnostics by application of Artificial Intelligence (AI). With this collaboration, JSS AHER aims to promote the use of real-world patient data and evidence-based therapy in India for better healthcare outcomes.

Teachers urged to develop positive self-esteem in children

Dr. N.N. Prahallada, who was felicitated, is seen with (from left) ***Dr. Prabhu Swamy, Dr. Suresh, Principal, JSS College of Education, Sakaleshpur, B.A. Rajashekar, Director, School Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, Dr. Ningamma C. Betsur, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Mysore, K.S. Nanjundaswamy and Kale Gowda.***

Mysuru, Apr. 19- In this competitive world, students from school days must develop self-confidence and self-esteem which will help them to face problems of life boldly, said Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former Professor of Education, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, while addressing participants of the National Seminar on "Perspectives of Teacher Education in Nurturing the Talents of 21st Century Learners" at JSS College Auditorium, Sakaleshpur recently.

Dr. Prahallada said, self-esteem is a feeling of recognition, a sense of worth and is an important human need. Self-esteem is our attitude to other people's opinion about us. We respect ourselves as others respect us. Many are bored by themselves and fed up with what they think they are. They find no fun in being themselves. It is the fact that even normal balanced persons at times experience a vague and haunting feeling of dissatisfaction. Self-esteem, also known as self-image, can act as a catalyst to keep us active and it will promote a balanced personality, self development and greater achievement. Teachers have a tremendous role in developing positive self-esteem in children right from school stage, he observed.

On the occasion, Dr. Prahallada was felicitated for his contribution to the field of education since 49 years.

National Conference on Pharmaceutical Sciences-2022

"Use of Green Energy for Sustainable Development in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing"

Seen are (from left) ***Dr. Muralidhara Anandamurthy, Dr. S. Shrinivasan, S. Preethi, Jayanthi Sawant, Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, Pradeep Shivakumar, Dr. S.N. Manjula, Dr. D. V. Gowda and Dr. G.V. Pujar.***

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, General Manager, SteerLife, India Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru, inaugurated the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Sciences-2022, which was organised by the Pharmaceutics Department, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, on Apr.8 and 9 at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy.

In his opening remarks he emphasised on use green energy and sustainable development in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing.

Organising Chairman of the event Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, welcomed. Other dignitaries present were Pradeep Shivakumar, Vice-President, Shilpa Medicare, Bengaluru, Jayanthi Sawant, Pharma Packaging Specialist, Mumbai, Dr. Muralidhara Anandamurthy, JMP Academic Team, Bengaluru, Dr. G.V. Pujar, Vice-Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.

Dr. D.V. Gowda, Organising Secretary of the Conference, proposed a vote of thanks.

About 500 delegates from Industry, staff and students from Pharmacy Colleges participated in the Conference.

JITO Ladies Wing holds 'Exhibition & Trade Fair'

Mysuru, Apr. 19- JITO Mysore Ladies Wing recently hosted an 'Exhibition and Trade Fair' at V.K. Function Hall in Nazarbad.

It gave a platform for the Ladies to showcase and sell the products made by them at home. The event had nearly 75 stalls and hundreds of people visited the venue. The programme started with Navkar Mantra. Bhavna Salecha, Chairperson, JITO Mysore Ladies Wing, welcomed. Chairman of JITO Mysore Chandragupt Katariya highlighted the activities of JITO.

MLA L. Nagendra, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the programme. Dr. Mahesh Shenoy, Managing Trustee, Kamakshi Hospital, was the guest of honour. Lolita Golecha, Chairperson JLW, Bharti Hardi, Convener, KKG Zone, Sangita Ganna, Project Convener Roshni and B.K. Deepak Bohra, Treasurer, KKG Zone and Sadhna Jain, Chairperson, JLW, Hubballi, were the guests.

Sponsors Rajesh Salecha, Chandraprakash Srisimal, Ashok Gajanan and Prasad Siddharth were present.

JITO Ladies Wing members Sushila Lunker, Sadhana Srisimal, Chanchal Lunker, Khusbu Gulecha, Mona Jain, Mona Bhatewra, Bharti Mehta, Sanjana Bhansali, Rajini Jain, Members of JITO Mysore Ladies Wing; JITO Mysore Vice-Chairman Bherulal Pitiliya, Chief Secretary Mahaveer Gadiya, Members of JITO Mysore; JITO Youth Wing Chairman Tarun Kanted and other members helped in the successful conduct of this expo.

Actor Shivarajkumar inaugurates summer camp at Shaktidhama

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (SBD&TRR)- Actor Shivarajkumar inaugurated a Summer Camp for children organised at Shaktidhama yesterday by lighting a lamp and also by playing folklore instruments.

Speaking on the occasion, Shivarajkumar said that education is important to everybody and everyone must study and gain knowledge. "Children should mingle freely to learn, play and grow. The children of the surrounding areas should come to the summer camp and freely interact and play with the children of Shaktidhama, which is providing a platform for children to learn and enjoy learning new things during the camp here and also have entertainment," he added.

Stating that there should be no discrimination between the rich and the poor, Shivarajkumar observed that "We should remember that we are all human beings and should be nice to each other. My wife Geetha is more educated than me and she is serving as the President of Shaktidhama and I am supporting her. All the children of Shaktidhama are like my children and I have an opportunity to serve them. I am visiting Shaktidhama more often after my mother's death. Since I come from a joint family, I enjoy the company of these children," he added.

Shaktidhama Managing Trustee G.S. Jayadev, who spoke on the occasion, advised students to learn to be silent in addition to learn the art of speaking.

He also thanked Sharif, Gopalakrishna, Anand, Krishna, Munigopalaraju, Sadananda, Chetan Prakash and others for their cooperation in the day to day functioning of Shaktidhama and felicitated all of them.

Children of the summer camp sang the folk song 'Ilidu Baarammayya Ilidu Baare Bettada Chamundi Ilidu Baare...' which they learnt within a few hours and won appreciation. Dancer Apoorva presented Pushpanjali through Bharatanatyam. Artist Shivakumar presented a painting of Puneeth Rajkumar painted during the camp to Shivarajkumar.

Shaktidhama Education Administrator Manjula, Vice-President and retd. IPS Officer Kempaiah, Treasurer M.N. Sumana, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Santrupti, Sanchalana Mysore President and Camp Director Deepak and others were present.

All the guests including actor Shivarajkumar were accorded a warm welcome with a procession of folk troupes from Shaktidhama gate to venue of the programme. Also, lamps were lit all through the path of the procession.

Camp Convenor Deepak introduced the clay pot makers and bamboo weavers, who had come to the camp to impart training.

Shivarathreeshwara Media Award conferred

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RKB&TRR)- Veteran journalist D.S. Harish was conferred with Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award at a function organised jointly by JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Pathrakartara Bhavan yesterday. The award was presented in recognition of his dedicated service in the field of journalism spanning over 40 years.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, who spoke, said that Harish is an honour to journalism. "Mysuru and journalists have a relationship of over a century and the journalists of Mysuru city can be found all over the world. It is said that journalists, judges and politicians are learned people. Bringing out a Daily is like an every day delivery and a lot of efforts are associated with it. Unfortunately, values are declining in the industry and it is the duty of all those associated with it to uphold the values associated with journalism," he added.

Writer G.S. Ramachandre Gowda, who also spoke, opined that Harish as a journalist mingled freely with everyone and has gone through lot of hardships in his life. "We are all proud of Mysuru journalists. But of late, it is sad to notice some of the present lot are lacking commitment while discharging their duties and it is better if they show more commitment," he advised.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Director (General Administration) Shankarappa said, Harish is being honoured because of his work and commended the work of newspapers during COVID pandemic.

Harish, who spoke after receiving the award, said that previously, politicians were scared of journalists and the Government used to co-operate with journalists in times of difficulties in solving the problems of the people but not anymore and only journalists are responsible for this. "Today, newspapers are owned by businessmen and journalists have to work according to their instructions. Earlier, journalists used to have communications with politicians but now they have relationships with them and they are doing everything except what they are supposed to do. Of course, salary is important but journalists should work with larger interests of the society in mind," he said.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Gen. Secretary M. Subramanya & EC Member Mallige Machamma, KUWJ State EC Member B. Raghavendra and others were present.

Dr. Vasundhara honoured with 'Kadali Shree'

Renowned Bharatanatyam exponent Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy was conferred with 'Kadali Shree' award at a function organised by Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Kadali Mahila Vedike at Navajyoti Auditorium of JSS Women's College in Saraswatipuram yesterday as part of Kadali Mahila Vedike's anniversary celebrations. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, retired Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chidananda Gowda, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah, District Unit President Helavarahundi Siddappam, Kadali Mahila Vedike President Sharada Shivalingaswamy and other office-bearers were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Druthers

Pronunciation: DRUH-therz.
Meaning: Druthers refers to "a free choice or preference." It is often used in the phrase if one had one's druthers.
Origin: Druther is an alteration of "would rather." "Any way you druther have it, that is the way I druther have it," says Huck to Tom in Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer, Detective. This example of metanalysis (the shifting of a sound from one element of a phrase to another) had been around for some time in everyday speech when Twain put those words in Huck's mouth. By then, in fact, druthers had already become a plural noun, so Tom could reply, "There ain't any druthers about it, Huck Finn; nobody said anything about druthers." Druthers is a dialectal term.
Example: "If I had my druthers, collegiate baseball wouldn't begin play until mid-March. The weather is too unpredictable in mid-February for baseball." — Terry J. Wood

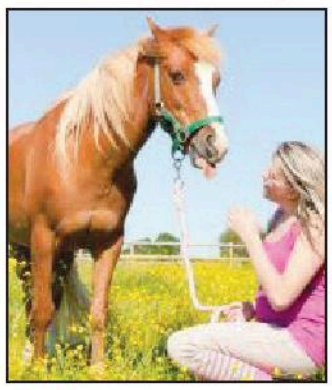
THE ODD WORD

Dancetté

Deeply indented.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth



Meaning: You use the phrase 'Don't Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth' to say that it's important to be grateful when a gift is received.
Origin: The expression 'don't look a gift horse in the mouth' is an ancient one and its origin is unknown. It first appears in print in John Heywood's A Dialogue Conteinyng The Nomber In Effect Of All The Prouerbes In The Englishe Tongue, where it translates to "Don't look a given horse in the mouth.
Example: "Be grateful you got a birthday present at all. Remember, don't look a gift horse in the mouth."

QUOTE BOX

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. **—Epictetus**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Flat tyre.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

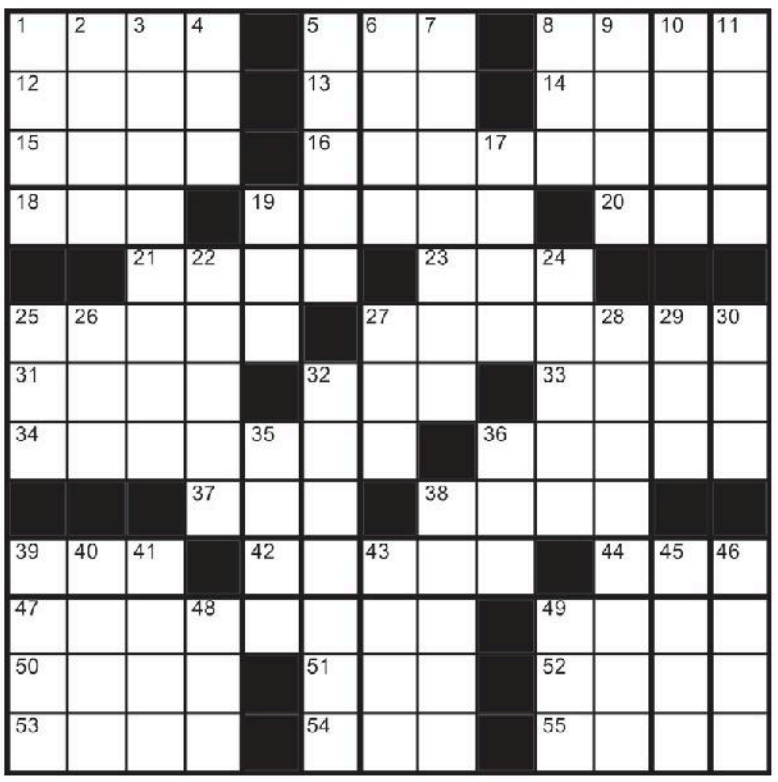
1 Ex-Opening batsman __ Sundar Das
5 Bits Per Second, abbr.
8 Dashing style
12 Of local origin locally
13 Another word for a meadow
14 Daintily pleasing
15 Town in MP
16 Conventional
18 Flyer from Seoul
19 Compete with lances
20 Decide
21 The first man
23 Southwest Indian
25 More fitting
27 Endow with strength
31 Understanding term? (1,3)
32 Literary snippets
33 Hard drive interface
34 Soiled, made unclear or impure
36 Smooth-barked tree
37 Camera type
38 Kinswoman
39 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
42 Poetic feet of one kind
44 FDR's successor
47 Bony
49 Discontinuity between earth's crust and mantle
50 Wilted; not stiff
51 ___ out : supplement income etc. with difficulty?
52 Highly expectant
53 Australian birds
54 Munich the
55 Analogy words (2,2)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	O	L	I	■	L	E	A	■	A	K	I	N
S	P	I	N	■	I	N	N	■	R	A	N	A
D	E	A	D	B	E	A	T	■	E	R	S	T
■	■	■	E	A	U	■	E	K	N	A	T	H
I	A	M	B	S	■	S	N	E	A	K	■	■
R	I	O	T	■	T	O	N	E	■	O	F	F
A	N	N	■	K	R	A	A	L	■	R	O	I
Q	U	O	■	N	A	P	E	■	E	A	R	L
■	■	L	O	O	N	S	■	S	O	M	M	E
S	N	O	U	T	S	■	E	O	N	■	■	■
W	I	G	S	■	M	Y	S	T	I	Q	U	E
A	B	U	T	■	I	O	N	■	A	U	N	T
B	S	E	S	■	T	U	E	■	N	I	D	E

DOWN

1 U.S. State, for short (1,3)
2 Wife of Zeus
3 Segregated or separated
4 French wine
5 Flourish or blossom
6 Lima is its capital city
7 Seedless orange
8 Prefix - as in ___logy or ___nomy?
9 A board game
10 Surmounting; over
11 The one after
17 Start of a Web site address
19 Sound discordantly
22 Actions
24 A red dye - "noise" anagram ?
25 Goal, objective or purpose
26 Public Sector Unit, in short
27 Finish
28 African wild pigs
29 Et cetera, in short
30 Cheer
32 Charged with gas
35 Tennis star Nastase
36 Miss the ___ : let an opportunity slip by?
38 More skilful or powerful to do something
39 Land set in sea
40 Read superficially
41 Ex-India skipper Adhikari
43 ___ the grade : succeed?
45 Firing of a gun
46 I have __ __ : departing words? (2,2)
48 Records
49 May in France



SUDOKU

7				4			2	
5	8			6		4		
		3						6
	7				6	3		
			8		5			
		2	3				1	
9						2		
		1		3			4	9
	2			8				1

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	2	5	9	8	6	3	7
8	9	3	7	6	4	1	2	5
5	6	7	3	1	2	4	9	8
3	8	4	6	7	5	2	1	9
9	7	6	4	2	1	5	8	3
2	1	5	8	3	9	7	6	4
6	2	8	9	4	7	3	5	1
4	3	9	1	5	6	8	7	2
7	5	1	2	8	3	9	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SZ FTGZ PFWP, SFZB PFZ MBCZKPC PWUZ TQZI PFZ

STIOL, PFZE SMOO IZAZAVZI SMPF YIWPMPHLZ FTS

SZ PTTU PFZA WOTBY TB WOO THI GMKBMKC.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love.

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	(S-2)	8.00 am, 11.15 am, 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	8.00 am, 11.25 am
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.45 am, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
RRR (Te-2D)	(S-2)	2.45 pm
Beast (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm

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KGF Chapter 2 (K)	(S-3)	9.40 am, 1.10 pm, 4.50 pm, 8.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.55 pm, 5.35 pm
	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 10 pm
KGF Chapter 2 (H)	(S-2)	9.15 pm
RRR (Te)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Beast (Ta)	(S-4)	10.40 am, 6.00 pm, 9.30 pm

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KGF -2 (H)	:	10.45 am, 6.00 pm
Beast (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10 pm, 9:30 pm
RRR (Te)	:	2.15 pm
RRR (K)	:	9.30 pm

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KGF - 2 (K)	:	8.00 am, 10.45 am, 11.00 am 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3.00 pm 5.45 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.30 pm 9.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Beast (Ta)	:	8.00 am, 11.20 am, 2.40 pm, 6:20 pm, 9.30 pm
RRR (Te)	:	2.30 pm, 9.50 pm

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Beast (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 3.00 pm, 9:45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Runners in State-level Football

***Seen are** (standing from left) **M. Surya (Coach), H.R. Praveen, Dewan, Keerthan S. Gowda, S. Sachidananda, T.V. Irfan, Swaroop M. Jacob, Rahul Singh, M.S. Preetham, B. Sumukh, Sharath Singh and Pradyumna Bopaiah (Strength and Conditioning Coach);** Sitting from left: **C. Rishab Cariappa, Jishnu H. Das (Coach), D.V. Praveen Raju, M. Sukumar (Founder), M.J. Harish (Ex-Senior Player), K. Mohit Kariappa and Gagan Patel** (not in pic).*

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Vijayanagar Football Club (VFC) finished runners-up in the 4th year 'Hindu Cup' Open Football Tournament organised as part of Ugadi celebrations by Hindu Geleyara Balaga, Gowdalli, Somwarpet, recently.

In the finals of the State-level 11-a-side Tournament, VFC lost to Malnad FC, which had mixture of ex-India players and current Super Division players, in penalties (2-3) after the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

Earlier in the semi finals, VFC defeated Reddy Brothers FC with the scoreline reading 2-0. In the quarter finals, VFC won by a margin of 1-0 against Shreeram Sunti FC which consisted of players from Bengaluru. In the first match of the Tournament, VFC beat Tumkur FC 4-1.

Praveen Raju was awarded 'Gentleman Player of the Tournament.' Sachin received 'Best Striker Trophy.' VFC also got a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and an attractive trophy.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 19)

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava celebrations, discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retired Engineer, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Veena recital by Vid. Ramana Balachandar, accompanied by Ananta R. Krishna on mridanga and Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Alamma Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.** [Mob: 97407-82020].
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali - Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple:** Sri Ramotsava Programmes, devotional songs by Sachchidananda Vitala Das and Sagari Sunag, Mysuru, **6 pm;** Harikathe *(Paduka Pattabhisheka)* by Vid. Yagnesh Achar, Hosabettu-Surathkal, Temple premises, Chamundipuram, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Sita Rama Mandira:** 106th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Veena Recital by Dr. S.V. Sahana, accompanied by Vid. Pathri Satish Kumar on mridanga, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 20)

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 132nd Sri Ramotsava celebrations, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka - Veda Brahma A.N. Somashekar, Mysuru, leads Abhisheka and Archane, Gamaka Vaachana by Vasantha Venkatesh and Vyakhyaana by K. Ramachandra, **9.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **12.30 pm;** Prasada Viniyoga, Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **1 pm.** [Mob: 97407-82020].
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali - Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple:** Sri Ramotsava Programmes, Sri Hanumantotsava, Utsav will be held from Sri Avani Shankara Mutt to Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Sita Rama Mandira:** 106th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Music by Vid. T.M. Krishna, accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore Midtown:** Conferring of Rotary-Silicon Journalism Award for Excellence in Journalism on Senior Journalist T.R. Satish Kumar and Photojournalist Gavimata Ravi by *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Chairman and Managing Director Vikram Muthanna, Rotary Mysore Midtown President Dr. S.M. Ravindranath, Hon. Secretary Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Silicon Controls (India) Pvt. Ltd., Directors Rtn. S. Raghavendra and Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra will be present, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 19)

LSG Vs **RCB** — 7.30 pm
DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 20)

DC Vs **PBKS** — 7.30 pm
Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Pune

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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KKR - 210 (19.4)

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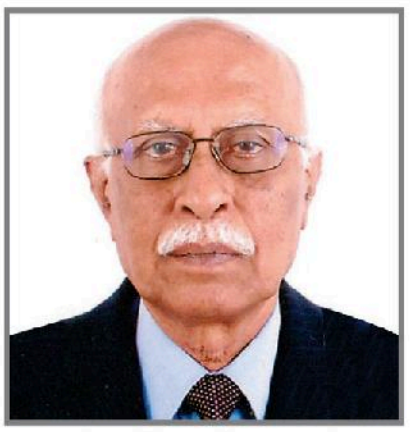

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